

A WEEK IN LABOR CIRCLES

Matters of Interest to Organized Workingmen of the District.

MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.
Executive Board, D. A. 65, K. of L.—Times Building, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.
L. U., No. 190—Brotherhood of Carpenters—Hall, 627 Massachusetts avenue.

L. A., 1644, K. of L.—Journemen Plasterers—Plasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.
L. A., 1748, K. of L.—Carpenters and Joiners' Society—Temple, Fifth and G streets.

Barbers' Assembly—Plasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Horsehoes' Union, No. 17—Hall, 737 Seventh street.

Plasterers' Union, K. of L. Laundry Workers—Hayden Building, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.
Federation of Labor—Plasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers—Hall, 1316 E street northwest.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.
L. U., No. 1, Carpenters, Joiners, and Stairbuilders—Hall, 419 Twenty street.

McCabe's Lodge, No. 174—Machinists—McCabe's Hall, Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

Paperhangers' Protective Association—Harris' Hall, Seventh and D streets.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3.
District Assembly, No. 66, Knights of Labor—Plasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Protective Steam Railway Union—Bunch's Hall, 314 Eighth street.

Carpenters' Council, No. 627 Massachusetts avenue.

Galvanized Iron and Cornice Workers—Hall, No. 737 Seventh street northwest.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.
Stonemasons' Union, No. 2—Plasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

L. A., 1798, K. of L., Journeymen House Painters—Harris' Hall, Seventh and D streets northwest.

L. A., 4896, K. of L., Eccentric Association of Steam Engineers—Bunch's Hall, No. 314 Eighth street northwest.

Clerks' Assembly, K. of L.—Hall over Nordling's store, Georgetown.

Kathleen, Washington, Hall, No. 827 Massachusetts avenue.

Marine Association of Steam Engineers—Mariners' Temple, Seventh street southwest, opposite Pentz wharf.

L. A., 2972, K. of L., Eccentric Assembly, Typographical Temple.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5.
Cigar Makers' Union, No. 1—Hall, No. 737 Seventh street northwest.

L. A., 2389, K. of L.—Bakers—Plasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

L. U., No. 188, Journeymen Tailors—Costello's Hall, Sixth and F streets.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The weekly meeting of the Federation of Labor, held last Tuesday evening, was no exception to the rule in regard to large attendance. Representatives from thirty-nine local organizations answered to their names at roll call. In addition to the regular delegates, quite a number of delegates were present. President McLaughlin occupied the chair.

Credentials were received and accepted from the Cornice Workers, Bakers' Union, No. 118, Barbers and Ironclad Smiths.

The special committee appointed to investigate the charges against the new Lafayette Opera House, reported that no satisfactory arrangements had been made with Mr. Baugh as to the employment of union stagehands. The committee recommended that the Lafayette Opera House be placed on the unfair list, which was concurred in by the Federation.

The committee on prosecuting the case against Contractor McVaugh, for violating the national eight-hour law on the construction of the addition to the Government Printing Office, presented a partial report which was to the effect that the committee had secured sufficient evidence to justify the securing out of a warrant against Mr. McVaugh. His arrest had followed. The case had been called up in the police court and laid over.

Reports were expected from several other committees, but only progressive reports were made.

Many locals reported that permanent representatives had been appointed to act on the Labor Bureau committee.

Communications were read from the Cigar-makers requested that Bush's saloon, on Tenth street, and McLaughlin's saloon, on Avenue, be placed on the unfair list, which request was referred to a special committee for investigation.

Delegates from Excelsior Assembly reported that Mrs. R. B. Parkman would deliver a lecture on the financial question at their regular meeting on the first Friday night in October, another lecture on the third Friday night of that month. The meetings will be open for everybody and will be held in the Typographical Temple.

Barbers' delegates announced that the color of the barber card displayed in all union barber shops would be changed from blue to yellow after the first Wednesday in October.

The discussion on the several questions coming before the Federation occupied considerable time, and it was at a late hour when the order for call of trades was announced. But this matter will probably be renewed in the future as an amendment was offered to the constitution making call of trades the fourth order of business instead of the eleventh.

The Plasterers' delegates stated that a meeting had been held between their trade and Steam Fitters, the result of which will be laid before the regular meetings of those bodies during the week and their action probably reported at the next meeting of the Federation.

LABOR BUREAU.

The Labor Bureau Committee met in regular session at the Times Building last Monday evening. Owing to the absence of the chairman and secretary, who were engaged on other important committee work, temporary officers were elected for the evening.

Credentials from quite a number of local organizations were received, who had, in accordance with the request, appointed permanent representatives to the Bureau.

Among those present at the last meeting were the Paper Hangers, Excelsior Assembly, Journeymen House Painters, Galvanized Iron and Cornice Workers, Stone Masons' Union, Carpenters' Assembly, Barbers' Assembly, Amalgamated Carpenters, Carpenters' Union, No. 1, Bakers' Assembly, Tailors' Union, Tin and Sheet Iron Workers, Carriage Workers, Plate Printers and others.

As all of the local organizations have not had time to approve of the report of the Bureau committee and appoint permanent delegates, nothing except a general review of the prospects of the Bureau plan in the way of business could be transacted.

A committee of five, however, was appointed to investigate the building responsibility having been accepted as being suitable to the needs of the Bureau.

The committee will be ready to report at the next meeting, which will be held on Monday evening in the Times Building, when it is expected that a number of other locals will have had time to report and elect delegates.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

The Building Trades Council held its last session in Costello's Hall, but arrangements have been made to hold the meetings in the future in Monumental Hall, corner Second and Pennsylvania avenue.

President O'Brien presided on Tuesday evening. In his address to the council he spoke of the good that had been, was being, and could be done by the council in the interest of organized labor, but more particularly in the building trades.

The president further advised that the delegates urged upon all of the connected with the building trades the importance of being affiliated with the council.

Among the good features accomplished by the council mentioned was the establishing of more fraternal relations between the building trades and those who were not.

Another subject of definite line had been drawn to distinguish what work properly belonged to each craft.

Much time was devoted to the report of the committee appointed to investigate the grievance of the Cornice Workers. The matter was postponed for the next meeting and the committee continued. Communication was received from Steam and Hot Water fitters, stating that at the joint conference between the committee from the Plumbers' Association, and the committee from the Steam Fitters, a report had been formulated, which had fixed upon a code defining the class of work that belonged to each organization.

The Steam Fitters requested that the code be endorsed by the council, which was granted.

The Request of the Painters' Assembly, urging upon organized labor of this city to use every honorable effort to bring the managers of Kernan's and Allen's Opera House to terms, was laid before the council and the action of the Painters unanimously endorsed.

AMONG THE LOCALS.

The local unions' organization have at present a very important matter to consider, which is doing excellent work to build up the trade. The fraternal relations that now exist between the two organizations are of the very best, and all matters that directly affect the trade are referred to the joint executive committee. The executive committee, backed by the organizations, are striving to better the condition of the laborer's craft in this city by abolishing the piece system and to establish a wage system with a reasonable number of hours.

The Paperhangers at their last meeting amended their constitution by fixing the regular initiation fee at \$5. The association also at their meeting endorsed the Labor Bureau and appointed a delegate.

The meeting of the Mount Vernon Association of House Painters on Friday evening was well attended. The committee on pushing the claims of organized labor against unfair theaters reported that it was meeting with very flattering success. All of the local organizations had been visited by the committee, and their moral support had been unanimously given. All labor organizations throughout the country are now being solicited by the committee to use their influence in inducing traveling organizations against appearing in the unfair theaters until the difference with organized labor had been settled.

The Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, which has been persistently fighting for a living wage for its members for the past year, has at last been rewarded for its persistency. At a special meeting last Friday evening, applications poured in from the stage hands employed in Allen's Opera House. The applications were received and laid over for the regular meeting, which takes place on the first Sunday in October.

The association also appointed a committee of three to act in conjunction with the committee of the Painters' Assembly on Kernan's Theater.

The Labor Bureau was endorsed and a delegate appointed to represent the alliance at the meetings.

Special resolutions were adopted fixing the penalty for members attending unfair theaters by expulsion.

The Stonemasons held a very interesting special meeting in the Times building on Thursday evening. President Ehrman, in the chair. The meeting had been called to determine what action the union should take in the case of an expelled member who was at present working in the Navy Yard. The matter was, however, amicably adjusted. The expelled member was fined and agreed to apply for reinstatement in the union.

The bricklayers held an interesting meeting on Friday evening in their hall, Seventh and L streets, with President Levi in the chair. Three new members were initiated and three applications received.

The result in the case of the prosecution of Contractor McVaugh for violating the national eight-hour law on the addition to the Government Printing Office created quite a discussion, and the verdict in the case was a unanimous one.

It is expected that the matter will be again taken up at the next meeting of the union, on the second Friday in October. The Labor Day committee made its final report, and all bills were ordered paid.

The Eccentric Association of Steam Engineers held its regular meeting Friday night. Three candidates were initiated and three applications received.

The committee on excursion for the benefit of the workers of the cornice workers who lost their lives by falling off a scaffold, reported that all returns were in, with the exception of some tickets held by individuals. The committee further reported that a neat sum would be turned over to the widows.

The delegates from the District Assembly reported to the committee on reception of visiting delegates that had recommended that a banquet be given to the delegates to the general convention, and that tickets be sold to members of the order who desire to attend the banquet. The recommendation of the committee was endorsed, and the Eccentric Association will be well represented at the banquet. The association also endorsed the fight made against the so-called Pearl Laundry.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

The District Assembly of the Knights of Labor was held last Thursday evening. Master Workman Simmons opened the meeting and presided.

The first order of business was the acceptance of credentials of a new delegate from the Laundry Workers' Assembly in place of one resigned. The credentials having been approved, the delegate was admitted and duly obligated.

Under call of local assemblies, the Painters reported that the campaign against the Painters' Assembly against unfair theaters was meeting with good results. The assembly had also endorsed the Labor Bureau, and had elected a delegate, together with the appropriation called for.

The delegates from the Laundry Workers reported a very large meeting on Wednesday

DISTRICT SOLDIER BOYS

One Week's News and Gossip Around Local Armories.

The committee having the selection of the best suggestion for a Times trophy in hand has not finished its labors yet. The members are carefully going over each of the many letters that have come in, and the announcement of the result will be made in this column next Sunday.

In any event, the trophy offered will be shot for during the coming month. It can be contested for even if the prize has not been completed. The presentation can come later in the season. It is the intention of the Times, if possible, to offer something unique.

PRACTICE ON THE RANGE.

Everybody is getting ready for rifle practice. Company commanders are hustling their men, and nearly all the week has been put in finishing up gallery practice. The orders that all gallery practice must be up before the end of the range has had a first-rate effect. Battalion commanders have all issued orders supplemental to the general orders issued from headquarters. The order sent out is as follows:

First battalion, Tuesday, October 1; second battalion, Wednesday, October 2; third battalion, Thursday, October 3; fourth battalion, Friday, October 4; fifth battalion, Saturday, October 5; sixth battalion, Sunday, October 6; first separate battalion, Tuesday, October 8; first and second separate companies, Thursday, October 10; company, Thursday, October 11; general staff, general non-commissioned staff, and the field and staff and non-commissioned staff of regiments and battalion inspectors of rifle practice, Friday, October 11.

All organizations required to practice are ordered to report at the Sixth street station, at 8:30 a. m., on the dates specified, while the general staff and those connected with it for rifle practice will report at the station at 8:45 a. m. The practice will be at 200, 300, 500, and 600 yards. The scores of the practice will be recorded and the best score will be required to fire at two distances.

The battalion commanders are directed to detail twenty men for duty as markers.

ASSOCIATION SHOOTING.

Capt. James E. Bell, inspector of rifle practice for the second regiment, and Second Lieutenant Jesse B. K. Lee, company B, first battalion, have been detailed to the general staff, general non-commissioned staff, and the field and staff and non-commissioned staff of regiments and battalion inspectors of rifle practice, Friday, October 11.

The National Rifle Association held a meeting last Monday night and disposed of some business of importance. The board of directors was authorized to purchase such material as might be required for the series of association matches next Saturday at 2:15 p. m., on the range at Ordway.

The association has not decided what the prizes shall be yet. Within a few days a programme will be formulated which will be adopted by the association. At present most of the prizes will be cash and large enough to attract a large crowd each Saturday.

Directors elected to membership at the meeting were: Lieut. A. C. Hunterly, Capt. Wiggins and George C. Starnes. A number of applications for membership were received and will be acted upon. All are eligible.

NEW DRILL REGULATIONS.

Orders have also been issued from headquarters concerning the use of the new manual of arms. The manual has been adopted in the regular army and is now the rule in the National Guard of the District. From this time out all guardsmen will drill according to the new regulations.

Major Ross, of the First Battalion, put his officers and non-commissioned officers through the new manual Wednesday night. Col. Mosher, adjutant general of the Guard, was present and was much pleased at the result. Of course, the men were a trifle awkward, but that will soon wear off. It will only be a short time until all are proficient.

Company D, Fourth Battalion, Ordway Rifles, held their first drill since camp Tuesday night. They had a large turn out. The members of the other companies of the Fourth were at their various headquarters, and are all ready for the inspection tomorrow night.

Company A, Third Battalion, Morton Cadets, are drilling twice a week for the Corcoran's contest, and are setting the pace for the others. This coming week will see a general resumption of drills in all the companies.

THE CYCLE RUN.

Capt. Wiggins is back from his run to Snicker's Gap. Accompanied by a friend he left last Sunday evening. Each wore uniform and carried thirty pounds of baggage and a rifle. This is a pretty good load with which to make a run.

The distance was sixty miles out, the same back, and was made in two days and a half. The two carried between them a small shelter tent and camped out each night. They found miserable roads and broke no records.

A record stands a good chance of being smashed some time in the next three weeks, should all their arrangements for the military run to New York have been made and Capt. Wiggins expects if they have any luck at all to make fifteen miles an hour.

The start will be made by Lieut. Libbey, who will carry the message over the first relay, fifteen miles.

In placing the new Lafayette Square Opera House on the unfair list was unanimously endorsed.

Encouraging reports were made as to the prospects of Allen's Opera House being made a strictly union theater. The agreement had been signed and the details remained to be arranged before the matter will be given final publication.

The regular meeting of Carpenters, Joiners and Stairbuilders' Union, No. 1, held last Wednesday evening in the hall, 419 Tenth street, was largely attended by the members. The attendance at the meetings of Union No. 1 for the past five or six weeks has been very remarkable, over five-sixths of the entire membership being present at the meetings. The renewed activity that is being taken in the affairs of the union is having good effect, for not a meeting night passes without some applications being presented for membership.

There is at present a friendly and fraternal rivalry between the members for the honor of the record of having brought in the most members for the quarter. At the last meeting the members of the union were held over for the next meeting, owing to the fact that the semi-annual election of officers was to take place on that evening, and there being several candidates for each office, considerable time was taken.

The result of the election was the filling of the respective offices with a complete new set of officers. Robert L. Nason was elected president; Fred J. Niedomanski, vice president; John F. Magee, recording secretary; and Thomas M. Wilson, financial secretary. B. B. Barrett was elected as permanent representative to the Labor Bureau.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return. \$1.25

The Pennsylvania Railroad will sell Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, excursion tickets to Baltimore at rate of \$1.25.

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